

CESAS

Consortium for Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability

CESAS Meeting Summary

102 Ward Hall, KSU

May 15, 2008

Participants

Ken Barnard, Aviation Department, KSU (via teleconference)
Ben Champion, Geography, Student Sustainability Coalition, KSU
Larry Erickson, CHSR, Chemical Engineering, Stewardship Comm., KSU; also representing the KNRC
Ryan Green, Center for Hazardous Substance Research, KSU
Wendy Griswold, Center for Hazardous Substance Research, KSU (via teleconference)
Rhonda Janke, Horticulture, Forestry, & Recreation Resources, KSU
Roy Kelly, M2 Technologies, TransAtlantic Consultancy
Becky O'Donnell, Kansas Agricultural Mediation Service, KSU
Amanda Prill, M2 Technologies
Oral Saulters, Center for Hazardous Substance Research, KSU
Lee Skabelund, Landscape Architecture/Regional & Community Planning, KSU (via teleconference)

Welcome, Introductions, & Opening Remarks

- Larry Erickson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Agenda Review

- The participants reviewed the tentative agenda and concurred on its content.

New Director of Sustainability Position

- The group congratulated Ben Champion as the new Director of Sustainability and discussed goals.
- Ben noted that he will start officially on June 15 (0.5 time as Director and 0.5 time as Assistant Professor in Geography) his office will be in Ward 120.
- He stated that he hopes to enhance institutional development and awareness, while also supporting projects and initiatives (e.g., recycling, LEED, green roof, renewable energy, etc.).
- Emphasis will be placed on Students, Curriculum, Operations, Research, and Engagement (SCORE).
- Specific goals for the first year were brainstormed, including coordination of campus wide partnerships and actions, as well as strengthening relationships with the KSU Salina campus and with other regional partners (e.g., Kansas Wesleyan University, The Land Institute, etc.).
- Ben Champion and Ken Barnard plan to follow-up with ideas and visits, including potential SEA presentation.

Dialog on Sustainability (this July)

- Tentative format is for a short one day event (with speakers, open discussions, small groups, and field trips), possible dates (July 10 or July 17).
- Proposed working title, "Greening KSU and Kansas" or "Greening Purple Pride".
- Possible topics include, wind power at KSU, sustainability at KSU, speakers bureau, local food movement in the Kansas River valley, stormwater rain gardens, etc.
- Larry Erickson encouraged formation of an organizing committee (Wendy Griswold, Ken Barnard, Ben Champion, Becky O'Donnell, Lee Skabelund, and Oral Saulters expressed a willingness to help).

Informal Science Education (proposal on sustainability)

- Recent focus areas were noted (Larry Erickson, Jackie Spears, and Wendy Griswold are PIs).
- Key features include transformative learning theory, adult and youth education, 4H program modules, establishing scientific content, etc.

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- Next ISE meeting is planned for Friday, May 23, 3:30 PM, Ward 102.

EPA Brownfields Sustainability Meeting at KSU, September 9-11, 2008

- The meeting will emphasize sustainability options for redeveloping contaminated properties.
- Sabine Martin, KSU, is helping organize the conference program.
- The program may include opportunities for KSU poster presentations and provost-level lecture.
- Lee Skabelund will meet with Larry Erickson to discuss further plans.

Sustainability Seminar (CHE 670), Fall 2008

- Scheduled for Thursday evenings, 7:00 PM, one credit hour.
- New presentations will be videotaped and available for viewing, along with previous sessions.
- DCE (Ellen Stauffer) is assisting with planning efforts.
- Jeff Severn (KU) and Ben Champion (KSU) may present a joint overview of university sustainability programs.

Sustainability Speakers Bureau

- Based on the general framework and guidelines presented by Larry at the last meeting, feedback from CESAS members is encouraged.
- Proposed CESAS Speakers Bureau
 1. The focus would be on sustainability and environmental stewardship.
 2. CESAS would pay travel expenses of the speakers unless another source of support is identified and used.
 3. CESAS would provide an honorarium of \$100 unless there is an alternative agreement.
 4. Requests for presentations should be made by CESAS partner organizations. Those wishing to host speakers can become CESAS partner organizations.
 5. It is expected that the presentations will be open to the public with a reasonable effort to inform the public of the meeting. Information on presentations will be added to the CESAS Internet site.
 6. It is expected that the emphasis of the program is on public education rather than advancing a political agenda.
 7. It is expected that audience size will be 10 or more for each event.
 8. CESAS partner organizations that host an event are encouraged to help support CESAS financially as they are able.
 9. CESAS will have a committee that helps to develop an effective program by finding and approving speakers, training speakers as needed, and making resources available to speakers.
 10. A Friends of CESAS organization can be created to encourage contributions to support the Speakers Bureau and the Sustainability Seminar Series.

Other

- Roy Kelly inquired about sustainability science and redevelopment with respect to the military life cycle. Waste as feedstock and economic analysis were also noted as part of this process.
- The group discussed specific requirements for fostering social, institutional, democratic, and diversity advances toward sustainability. Examples such as Greensburg and Seattle, WA were mentioned.
- Becky O'Donnell presented information on the KSU Movies on the Grass program, including the upcoming film "King Corn", post-film discussions, and co-sponsorship.

Next Meeting

Thursday, June 12, 2:30 PM Central, Ward 102.

Thank you everyone for your kind participation and support!